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# NEMO NEWS

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## ALA 2014 Scholarship Online Application Now Available

The American Library Association (ALA) has more than \$300,000 for students who are studying library science or school librarianship at the master's degree level.

Scholarships typically range from \$1,500 to \$7,000 per student per year. The application and instructions are available online. The application deadline is March 1, 2014.

There are many types of scholarships available for the study of librarianship. These include scholarships for students who are interested in Children's Librarianship, Youth Librarianship, Federal Librarianship, new media and Library Automation.

In addition, there are also scholarships available for minorities, persons with disabilities and for library support staff currently seeking an MLS.

To be considered for one of these scholarships, applicants must attend a master's degree program in library and information science that has been accredited by the ALA.

Applicants interested in school librarianship must attend a program that meets ALA curriculum guidelines for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Complete guidelines and instructions are available on the website.

The scholarship process is open annually from October through March. More information is available online or by calling the ALA Scholarship Clearinghouse at (800) 545-2433, ext. 4279 or emailing [scholarships@ala.org](mailto:scholarships@ala.org).

**"A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library."**

**- Shelby Foote**



Sandra Erdelez, the new Department Chair of the Library Science program manning the Mizzou Booth at NLA



*Ideal Bookshelf by Jane Mount*

## IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS

### Registration

Registration for Summer 2014 classes begins **March 4**.

Consult your Plan of Study and course schedules.

### Classes fill quickly on a first-come, first-served basis

Be ready to register on your assigned date and time! Visit <http://mudirect.missouri.edu/catalog/index.asp> to complete your registration.

### Comprehensive Exams Date for Spring 2014 comprehensive exams is **March 1-9**.

### Graduation Ceremony – University of Missouri Hearnes Center Saturday, December 14, 2013 6:30 PM

If you are graduating in December of 2013 and are planning to attend the ceremony in Columbia, you need to be making your travel arrangements immediately as hotels are filling NOW!

If there aren't rooms available in Columbia, there are also hotels in Boonville, Jefferson City, and Moberly.

## Fit for the Library: Clemson Students Study on Stationary Bikes

Clemson University's Cooper Library in Clemson, SC, has a new addition that may seem out of place at first glance—a study hall filled with stationary exercise bikes. The space isn't being taken over by the phys ed department, though. The bikes are FitDesks, specially equipped cycles with attached desktops that allow riders to be readers as well, and they're part of a new study by Clemson psychologist Dr. June Pilcher on the effects of exercise on productivity and learning.

"I think there's a little resistance to moving while you work," Pilcher said. "There's an idea that you either exercise or you study and think, and that's the thing I want to study. I want to help people see that we can study and work while moving at a slow pace."

When Pilcher talks about studying the effects of exercise, she's not talking about the strenuous exercise—like lifting weights or training for a marathon—that likely springs to mind. Instead, she wants to gather information about what she calls low-level exercise, like going for a walk around the block. That's the kind of workout that FitDesks can provide in the library. "It's not focused on riding as hard as you can," said Pilcher. "We tell people to not break a sweat, just naturally move your legs."

Previous studies in retirement-age subjects suggest that this sort of light exercise helps to slow cognitive decline and increase feelings of well-being. With data she gathers from the FitDesks, Pilcher is hoping to learn whether those benefits could translate to increased productivity during work and study. While she doesn't have an experimental design set in stone yet, the introduction of the FitDesks is helping her gather information on how they're used. When they climb onto a Fit Desk to study, students scan their ID cards, letting Pilcher know who is using the desk, how long they're using them, and how often. She hopes that information, along with surveys of individuals, will provide the first batch of raw data that she can use as a foundation for more refined studies, which she hope to begin as soon as next January.

That slow-but-steady feel is reinforced by the library environment, says Dean of Libraries Kay Wall. The room on the library's lower floor that houses the FitDesks still feels much more like a library than it does any sort of gym. Despite the seeming strangeness of having stationary bikes in a library setting, Wall said she jumped at the opportunity to assist with Pilcher's research, which she felt was a very good fit for Clemson's physically active student population. "We like to be a place where we're partnering with our faculty doing research," said Wall. "And this was different, but it was exciting."

FitDesks made a perfect tool for studying Pilcher's interests. They're less expensive than similar options, like standing desks attached to treadmills, and take up less space. The bikes even fold for storage, limiting their footprint in traditional study areas. And they're surprisingly easy to study on, says Pilcher, who uses one at home. "I can type on my computer, or iPad, I can read easily," Pilcher said, though she acknowledged the desks have their limits. "I probably wouldn't try to write a manuscript, though students have reported some success with that."

As of this semester, 10 FitDesks have found homes in a study hall at Clemson's library, while another three can be found at the Academic Success Center. While some students have been reluctant to combine biking and studying, enough have started taking them for test drives that Pilcher is hopeful the new gadgets will catch on—she's even had students come to request bikes be placed in other areas of the campus where they study.

The students who are already using the bikes have already reported some early positive results to Pilcher. One rider reported that he used to fall asleep while studying, a problem reading on the FitDesk has helped him conquer. That's the sort of result Pilcher expects to see more of in future experiments. "Our ancestors never sat at desks," she said. "We were never designed for this."

Chant, I. (2013). Fit for the library: Clemson students study on stationary bikes. *Library Journal*. Retrieved from <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2013/10/academic-libraries/fit-for-the-library-clemson-students-study-on-stationary-bikes/>

**"The only thing that  
you absolutely have to  
know, is the location  
of the library."**

**-Albert Einstein**



## LINKS TO STUDENT RESOURCES

### Graduate Office

University of Missouri  
Graduate Offices

### Academic Calendar

Registration dates, class  
dates, and holidays

### Graduate Record Exam

GRE requirements, tips,  
and practice tests

### Transcript Request Procedures

University of Missouri  
transcript procedures

### MU Online

Continuing and distance  
education support  
(formerly MU Direct)

### Course Schedule

University of Missouri  
course schedule search  
page

## PHOTO COLLAGE: Fun at the 2013 NLA/NSLA Conference



*From Top Left:* Jennifer Barnason & Emily McIllece

*Top Right:* Julee Hector, Julie Beno, & Dr. Pasco

*Middle Left:* Dixie Codner & Linnea Fredrickson

*Middle Right:* Andrew Sherman

*Bottom:* Annette Parde, Dr. Jenny Bossaller, Jennifer Lockwood, Michael  
Elsener, Carrie Kimbrough, Dr. Sanda Erdelez, & Amy Wenzl

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

All webinars can be found on the Nebraska Library Commission [website](#).

### Using Technology to Stay On Time, On Task, & Organized 11/19/2013

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (CT)  
(Accessible Technology Coalition)

Many students and adults struggle with productivity skills – the ability to effectively manage time, get started, stay focused, organize, plan, and analyze problems. Merely "trying harder" won't help, but "trying different" can. This webinar will demonstrate how technology, coupled with appropriate strategies, can improve these executive function skills.

### Interviewing Users: Uncovering Compelling Insights 11/21/2013

Noon - 1:00 p.m. (CT)  
Interviewing users is undeniably one of the most valuable and commonly used user research tools. Yet sometimes we forget that it's a skill we need to learn, because: It's based on skills we think we have (talking or even listening). People tend to 'wing it' rather than develop their skills. Without good interviewing skills, insights may be inaccurate or reveal nothing new, suggesting the wrong design or business responses, or they may miss the crucial nuance that points to innovative breakthrough opportunities. This webcast will look at how to frame the research problem so it has the most impact on the team and their design.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Bailey Halbur

### What is your education/library/professional background?

I graduated from the University of Nebraska Kearney last December with a BA in Sociology, a minor in Spanish, and a coaching endorsement, which are all over the board. I worked in the university's Calvin T. Ryan library for almost two years as an aide, while also volunteering at the Kearney Public Library. I started working at the Papillion Sump Memorial Library this last May and the Ralston Baright Public Library in June. I'm also in my third semester of the Master's program right now!

### What is on your reading list? What are your favorites/your recommended/your want to read lists?

Well, I'm listening to Cormac McCarthy's *The Road* on audiobook. I'm also reading *Stiff* by Mary Roach and *The Complete Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, which is just all of his novels and short stories compiled into one. I don't read a lot of nonfiction, but Roach's books are so interesting and hilarious! If you haven't read any of her books yet, you should! My favorite of the Sherlock Holmes stories has to be *A Study in Scarlet*, although that may change by the time I finish.

Recommend: Mary Roach books like I noted earlier, listen to *Bloody Jack* by L.A. Meyer, *Ender's Game* and the rest of the series by Orson Scott Card; *The Language of Flowers* Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Want to Read: *The Name of the Wind* Patrick Rothfuss; books by Christopher Moore; *Outlander* Diana Gabaldon; *Allegiant* Veronica Roth; and about 200 other books I have listed on Goodreads...

### What is on your professional reading list?

*Blue Ocean Strategy: How to Create Uncontested Market Space and Make the Competition Irrelevant* W. Chan Kim and Renee Mauborgne; *The Filter Bubble: What the Internet is Hiding From You* Eli Pariser; *The New Atlas of Librarianship* R. David Lankes; *Thinking Fast and Slow* Daniel Kahneman; *The World's Strongest Librarian: A Memoir of Tourette's, Faith, Strength, and the Power of Family* Josh Hanagarne

I'm always looking for more though, and I'm open to recommendations!

### What do you do in your "down time"? Do you have any hobbies? How do you relax?

Of course I love to read :) I enjoy Crossfit, biking, shooting hoops, movies and TV series (I'm currently making my way through *Breaking Bad*), family time, and I've also just adopted two cats

so I look forward to spending some time with them as well!

### What deep dark secret would you like to share?

I eat peanut butter out of the jar nearly everyday.

### Name one of your personal or professional qualities that will make you a leader in 21st century library and information centers.

My desire to learn and my enthusiasm for the library world will keep me constantly inspired and wanting to do more for the community I serve.

### What advice do you have for other students who are currently enrolled in Library Science studies?

Make connections: with classmates, teachers, fellow employees, etc.

### What do you see as key future trends and challenges for Library Information Specialists?

Libraries must always work to remain relevant. The world is constantly changing, especially in the technological aspect, and we need to stay ahead of the trends.

### What do you think will be your legacy in this profession?

I would love to be in archives someday, so I hope to preserve ideas, beliefs, cultures, passions, etc. of today and the past and make them accessible for everyone.

### What is your favorite quote?

"Reading is that fruitful miracle of a communication in the midst of solitude" -- Marcel Proust



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There is funding available for students pursuing library studies. Please take advantage of these opportunities. These scholarships are waiting to be snapped up by deserving students like you. Make the decision to apply. Your educational journey is worthwhile, but it's not free. Let ALA, NLA, and NEMA help!

For **Nebraska School Librarians Association Scholarships**, visit:

<https://sites.google.com/site/neshoolibrariansassociation/nsla-scholarships>

**Nebraska Library Association Scholarships**

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/member-resources/scholarships/>

**American Library Association Scholarships**

<http://www.ala.org/educationcareers/scholarships>

## DON'T FORGET MIZZOU!

As Missouri students you are eligible to fill out the Missouri Application for Graduate Scholarships. By submitting a completed Application for Graduate Scholarships, you will be considered for over 100 scholarships available through the University of Missouri College of Education.

The 2014-2015 application will be available to download on January 1, 2014, and completed applications are due March 1, 2014. This is a great opportunity to fund your education, so don't miss out!

For more information and to download the application form, visit:

[http://education.missouri.edu/academics/financial\\_aid/scholarships-graduate.php](http://education.missouri.edu/academics/financial_aid/scholarships-graduate.php)

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

It's important for all of our students to keep up with the current library job postings. You never know when your "perfect" job might come along. We regularly send out an email with the current postings. Please read these! Even if you're not looking for a job, you may see something that you want to pass on to a classmate or colleague. In addition to reading these emails, take the initiative to check the website periodically. We only send out Nebraska postings, but you can view regional postings by accessing the website.

Visit: <http://nowhiringatyourlibrary.nebraska.gov/JobsAndCareers.asp> and check out who is looking to hire in Nebraska and in other states as well. Directions: Once you access this link, select "view by location", pick your state and then hit "GO". This site provides access to postings in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.